**Countering Violent Extremism**

This program will provide participants with an overview of the central concepts contained in ‘Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)’. Participants will become acquainted with key concepts such as radicalisation, counter-narratives, and the importance of social media in the radicalisation process.

On completion of this course participants will be able to:

- Understand the importance of ideology and extremism, and articulate the distinction between the two
- Identify the core understandings of the radicalisation process, and the social and psychological drivers of this process
- Appreciate the importance of contextual and environmental influences on radicalisation, including both local and international influences
- Understand the role and influence of the online environment in relation to the radicalisation process, and the broader establishment of terrorist narratives through propaganda
- Recognise the process by which social media is able to influence and facilitate the radicalisation process
- Understand the motivations and drivers for foreign fighters and the role of transnational identity in this
- Appreciate the complexity of seeking to counter violent extremism, and develop an enhanced understanding of the effective mechanisms for doing so
- Distinguish between effective and ineffective countering violent extremism programs, identify the reasons for success and failure, and improve capacity for the development of evaluation mechanisms